



Staff Sgt. Kevin Gilliss, 15th Communications Squadron, paints a fence during the 15th CS day at Aliamanu Elementary. The fence was painted different colors in sections so the children would know which part to go to in the case of a fire drill. Inset: Staff Sgt. Melinda Manchee, 15th CS, paints numbers in one of many hopscotch courses at the school.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ricky Yamaoka
(From behind) Staff Sgt. Cesar Ramos and Airman 1st Class Naomi Bargiband, 15th CS, paint a yellow line for the students to follow.

Volunteers

15th CS members fix up Aliamanu Elementary

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While most Team Hickam members were at work at their normal duty station, more than 50 were at a local school volunteering.

Fifty-seven 15th Communications Squadron members spent Jan. 6 at Aliamanu Elementary School making improvements to the school.

The improvements included weed eating a large field, clearing a ditch that had been overgrown with grass and dirt, installing tetherball poles, painting and constructing a 10x7 frame to be used in the school's media room.

Senior Airman Jamie Willemin, 15th CS, was the project officer for this project.

"There are many reasons why we like to volunteer in the community," he said. "One reason, in Hawaii and in some other overseas locations, local residents may not understand what we do or why we're here in their back yard, but it gives us and them a chance to see who we are and what we do."

"Schools are great because we get to work with some of the people who have grown up and lived here and interact with them."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ricky Yamaoka
Staff Sgt. Ryan Miles, 15th CS, rakes grass clippings from the hill the volunteers cleared.



Senior Airman Dan Raynes (far left), 15th CS, and other squadron volunteers clear an overgrown ditch.

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